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Living Endowment Moves to Fast Start

Living Endowment returns hit \$13,000 as April drew a close to the first two months of the 1961 program.

Tired though the superlatives may be, this total marks the biggest opening spurt on record for PC annual giving. And the 250 donors, heading into May, represent another point to underscore.

By comparison, last year's record-smashing program had reached only \$6,400 from 138 contributors by the end of April. The final count for the 1960 annual giving topped \$53,200, with 1,122 total participants.

Now, the goal ahead for 1961 stands at an all-time high of \$65,000. It's an ambitious project, designed to keep the momentum of Presbyterian's forward progress. Success is assured if the response among alumni and friends continues at the current pace.

Women Meet June 19 For Synodical School

Presbyterian women of South Carolina will assemble at Presbyterian College on June 19-23 for the 14th annual Synodical Training School.

Mrs. J. Melvin Thompson of Olanta, president of the women's organization of the Synod of South Carolina, serves as dean of the school which meets each June on the PC campus. She has secured an outstanding faculty for 1961.

Classes will meet daily each morning during the week-long school, with six courses being taught for credit toward certificates and diplomas. Visiting women will be housed in one of the college dormitories and will take their meals in Judd Dining Hall. Many are expected to attend the entire session, while others will commute from neighboring cities.

Southern Spokesman at Sheepskin Parade

John Temple Graves will address 118 graduates at PC's 80th commencement exercise. Three alumni receive honorary.

EIGHTIETH commencement exercises will find John Temple Graves, prominent lecturer, author and newspaper columnist, delivering the main address to 118 graduating seniors on the afternoon of June 4.



Graves

His third appearance as a commencement speaker on the PC campus will climax a full weekend program, scheduled to begin with the Alumni Reunion on the previous day. Congo Missionary A. Hoyt Miller is to address the Alumni Banquet on the evening of June 3 (see page 2), and the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw is to preach the Sunday baccalaureate sermon.

Wardlaw, pastor of Atlanta's Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, has been tapped as one of three outstanding Presbyterian College alumni to receive honorary degrees on this occasion. The other two are: Maj. Gen. Ansel B. Godfrey of Clinton, Commander of the 51st Infantry Division, Army National Guard; and the Rev. John D. Henderson, pastor of the Riviera Presbyterian Church of South Miami, Fla.

Presbyterian this year begins packaging its final graduation exercises into a one-day affair held on Sunday. The commencement address and awarding of degrees, scheduled for 4:15 p. m. on June 4, will follow closely after the 11 a. m. baccalaureate sermon—both in Belk Auditorium. The president's reception at 2:30 p. m. and ROTC pre-commissioning ceremonies at 3:30 p. m. round out the day's activities.

Alumni, meanwhile, will have arrived back on campus Saturday afternoon for a fling at class reunions and other festivities leading to the banquet.



Henderson

John Temple Graves, whose syndicated editorial column is widely distributed through southern and western newspapers, has been influential in southern political affairs through his interpretive writing for many years. A popular lecturer on the problems of the times, he also has published such books as *The Fighting South* and *The Shaft in the Sky*.

Wardlaw, a 1938 graduate of PC, spent five years in the pulpit of the Orangeburg (SC) First Church prior to becoming pastor of the Rock Spring Church in 1957. He is a former trustee of the College.

Godfrey has served as commander of one of the nation's top ranked 10,000-troop National Guard divisions since 1957. A 1922 graduate of PC, he was a highly decorated World War II artillery officer and veteran of more than 600 days of combat in Europe.

Henderson has been pastor of the fast-growing Riviera Church since 1950. Previously, this 1921 alumnus spent 18 years with the Spartanburg Second Church and 8 years as a General Assembly evangelist.



Wardlaw



Godfrey



Voice from the Congo

*PC Alumnus Hoyt Miller, Chosen for 1961 Alumni Gold P,
Will Speak at Alumni Reunion of His Missionary Years in Africa*

A distinguished foreign missionary with 41 years of service in the Congo will receive Presbyterian College's 1961 Alumni Gold P award and deliver the feature address of the second springtime Alumni Reunion on June 3.

He is Dr. A. Hoyt Miller, a PC graduate of the class of 1915, who retired last January after spending most of his adult life as a teacher, evangelist and preacher to the African people.

Dr. Miller will draw upon his intimate, firsthand knowledge of the troubled Congo in speaking at the 6:30 p. m. Alumni Banquet. His address will follow the presentation of the Alumni Gold P award to him in recognition of "outstanding accomplishments which reflect honor upon Presbyterian College."

The occasion also will serve to honor members of the 1961 graduation class, officially welcomed into the PC Alumni Association at this time, and to bring together the alumni of 16 reunion classes. Those classes slated to return on June 3 for special reunion are: 1901, 1911, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959.

The Alumni reunion is scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening, June 3, starting with 2 p. m. registration and extending through the 6:30 p. m. Alumni Banquet.

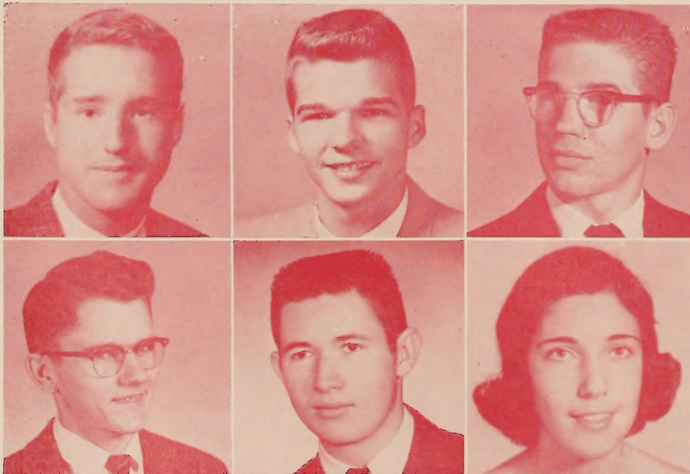
Other highlights of the program will be: a thought-provoking Alumni Institute at 3:00 p. m. at which John Glover—PC's Oxford-trained associate professor of Romance languages—will talk on Latin America; another PC PREP for children over eight years of age; and the annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

Dr. Miller will bring with him back to the campus his wife, the former Merle Little, who was pictured as a student council sponsor in the 1915 PaC SaC. Together, they have shared the Congo mission work since 1919 and have given to it two of their children, who continue to serve there now as missionaries.

This dedicated PC alumnus went to Africa immediately after graduation from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and was assigned to the Morrison Bible School. He served as teacher and acting principal of this school for a number of years before shifting to evangelistic work in another area. Then, after World War II, he went back to the school as its principal until his retirement.

A Georgia native now returned to make his retirement home in Athens, Dr. Miller is in constant demand to speak of Africa and the mission work there. For, he is recognized as one of the truly authoritative voices on the Congo.

To These High School Seniors:



The Founder's Scholarships

These six outstanding high school seniors are the recipients of the 1961 Founder's Scholarships at Presbyterian College. They were awarded the grants, ranging up to \$2,000 each for the four years of study, on a competitive basis which considered character, scholarship and leadership.

The 1961 winners, who will enter PC next September, are left to right, first row: Robert F. Phifer of Spartanburg, S. C.; Arthur P. Baxter of Atlanta, Ga.; and Lewis H. Hay III of Wadmalaw Island, S. C.

Second row: Wesley W. Lawton of Estill, S. C.; Walter N. Wells of McConnells, S. C.; and Miss Ann Kirkland of Moncks Corner, S. C.

Summer school is open — but next fall's door closing fast

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE continues to "plug" its expanded summer school, but there's a lengthy waiting list of qualified applicants already in line for the regular session next September.

Academic Dean George C. Bellingrath reports a favorable response to broadening the summer session to provide a maximum of 12 hours of credit. He expects a considerable increase in 1961 attendance for the two terms scheduled to begin on June 13 and on July 20. Previously, PC had limited its summer school to a single term providing maximum credit of nine hours. The 1961 program offers 26 courses in these departments: Bible, biology, economics, education, English, French, history, mathematics, political science, psychology and Spanish.

Meanwhile, applications for the fall semester—arriving in numbers even larger than anticipated—have created a waiting list for the past month. The final count last year found acceptance of only one of every three new students who sought admission to PC. And so far this year, the number is running almost twice as high as in 1960 at the same date.

Infrared Spectrophotometer

An important new scientific instrument has been given to Presbyterian College in memory of R. E. Ferguson, Jr., late Clinton business, civic and religious leader.

President Marshall W. Brown, in making the announcement, said the gift of an infrared spectrophotometer by the family of Mr. Ferguson brings to the PC chemistry department the only instrument of this kind to be found at a small college of this area.

The donors are Mrs. R. E. Ferguson, Sr., of Clinton, widow of Mr. Ferguson, and his two sons R. E. Ferguson, Jr., also of Clinton, and Lawrence R. Ferguson of Greenville, S. C. They are partners of Clinton's Industrial Supply Company, founded by their father.

Dr. K. Nolon Carter, chairman of the Presbyterian College chemistry department, expressed his pleasure over the new instrument in these words:

"The infrared spectrophotometer will mean a great deal to the advanced work of our department. It will be used mainly for qualitative and quantitative analysis of organic compounds. The instrument is to be operated in our regular laboratory work of the junior and senior years and in the research program of the department, in which some students already are participating. Unlike many of

Alumni Reunion Schedule

Here's a quick glance at the schedule of Alumni Reunion and commencement activities planned for June 3-4:

Saturday, June 3

- 11:00 A.M. Alumni Board of Directors
- 2:00 P.M. Registration for Alumni Reunion
- 3:00 P.M. PC PREP for Children, Opening Session
- 3:00 P.M. PC Institute on Latin America
- 4:30 P.M. Meetings, Special Reunion Classes
- 5:30 P.M. Alumni Association Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Alumni Banquet
- 8:30 P.M. PC PREP for Children Closes

Sunday, June 4

- 11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Sermon
- 12:15 P.M. Dinner
- 2:30 P.M. President's Reception
- 3:30 P.M. ROTC Pre-Commissioning Ceremonies
- 4:15 P.M. Final Commencement Exercises

Ferguson Family Gives Scientific Instrument

the larger schools, where use of this instrument is mostly on the graduate level, the undergraduates will have an opportunity to work with it here at Presbyterian College."

Infrared spectroscopy has been called the analytical technique which is revolutionizing organic chemical analysis. It is recognized as the most powerful tool available for the rapid identification and measurement of organic compounds.

Since the infrared spectrum of a chemical compound is the most characteristic physical property of that compound, infrared finds extensive application in "fingerprinting" or identifying materials. Its use in qualitative analysis gives basic information about the molecular structure of a compound, while the quantitative use determines the amount of any material present in a sample. Infrared spectrophotometry also is widely employed in the control of product purity, playing an important role through all processing steps from raw material checks to analysis of the finished product. And finally, infrared analysis gives the chemist a permanent step-by-step record of his work.

The new instrument, bearing the trade name Infracord, was built on order for Presbyterian College by the Perkin-Elmer Corporation.

Faculty Research

RESearch programs in fields of biology, chemistry, English and history—ranging from *Lesquereusia Spiralis* to Housman's poetry—receive the attention of four faculty department heads.

The projects, currently conducted during post-classroom hours, will be continued during the summer months by these professors: Dr. Alex Stump in biology; Dr. Nolon Carter, chemistry; Dr. John Stevenson, English; and Dr. Newton Jones, history.

Alex Stump is the man who has grabbed a hold upon the tongue-twisting *Lesquereusia Spiralis*, which boils down to the common "shelled amoeba" found in ponds near Clinton. He already has done published work on the reproduction of micro-organisms under a grant from the Southern Fellowship Fund and is presently concerned with the growth of the cell nucleus of the animal.

Carter also is engaged in a continuing

Four Professors Currently Engage in Research Projects In Science, English, History

project, this one dealing with certain derivatives of camphor and the reactions they undergo. His work has covered several years, supported by funds of the Southern Fellowship, the South Carolina Academy of Science and the Research Corporation.

Stevenson recently received a grant from the Presbyterian Church, U.S., Board of Christian Education to continue his study of poet A. E. Housman which already has resulted in several published articles. He plans to spend some time this summer at the Library of Congress, examining original notes of Housman.

Newton Jones recently published the edited writings of the Rev. William Tennent in *The South Carolina Historical Journal*. He also has done considerable research in recent years on the growth of orphanages throughout the South after the Civil War and plans to maintain this interest in the months ahead.



Carter



Jones



Stevenson



Stump



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